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Co-operative Societies

* 54 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government nominate any person to any executive committee or any other committee of the Co-operative Societies;

(*b*) if so, the class of co-operative societies in respect of which nominations are made; and

(*c*) the criteria on which such nominations are made?

THE HON. SRI N. NALLASENAPATHI SARKARAI MANRADIAR: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) (i) State Co-operative Bank.

(ii) District Co-operative Central Banks.

(iii) Primary Co-operative Agricultural Banks which have taken share capital assistance from Government.

(iv) Co-operative Marketing Societies at all levels.

(v) Co-operative Sugar Mills.

(vi) Madras Central Land Mortgage Banks and

(vii) Madras Co-operative Central House Mortgage Bank.

(*c*) According to the rules framed under the Madras Co-operative Societies Act, 1932, where the State Government have given financial or other assistance to a registerd society, they may make nominations to the committee of such society up to one third of the number of members of committee. The officials nominated as Government representatives are usually those connected with the working of the societies concerned. In the case of primary Agricultural Banks and District Co-operative Supply and Marketing Societies, Government are also nominating non-officials who are likely to take an active interest in the working of these societies

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Sir, it is a fact that in certain cases where nominations have been made to these bodies, there are people who owe large sums of money to many of these co-operative societies themselves? In that case, will they be competent to be nominated by the Government for serving on the Executive Committee of these Co-operative Banks?

THE HON. SRI N. NALLASENAPATHI SARKARAI MANRADIAR: Notice, Sir.

Mount Road

* 55 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to widen the Mount Road; and

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(b) if so, the length of the road so widened and the points between which it has been widened?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : (a) & (b) Yes. Improvement works in Mount Road have been taken up commencing from Round Tana to T.V.S. premises in the first instance and the carriage way has been widened to 100 feet leaving about 8 to 10 feet for foot path on either side. The length of Mount Road widened is about 5,700 feet from Round Tana to T.V.S. premises.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, what is the amount involved in carrying out this scheme, and who paid the expenditure?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : There are three stages. One is from Round Tana to T.V.S. premises, the second stage is from T.V.S. premises to Gemini, and the third is from Gemini to the City limit.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : What was the reason for widening the road and what was the provocation for it, I would like to know.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact, Sir, that this introduction of the six-lane traffic has really retarded traffic instead of augmenting it?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : No, Sir.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact that motorists are compelled to halt at the sign posts irrespective of the fact whether there is traffic in the side roads or not?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : I do not think so, Sir.

Property tax

* 56 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether any instructions have been issued to the Municipalities in the State to enhance the property tax; and

(b) if so, the extent of such enhancement?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II—CALLING ATTENTION TO THE SUFFERING OF THE HANDLOOM WEAVERS AND MASTER WEAVERS DUE TO NON-AVAILABILITY OF YARN AND THE INFLATED PRICES OF THE SAME.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, under 42 of the Council Rules, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Industries to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the action of the spinning mill owners of the State in changing over to the spinning of 42s and 44s counts to circumvent the price fixation for 40s counts and their making cone and cheese yarn in the place of hanks to circumvent the distribution of the same and the consequent sufferiong of the handloom weavers and master weavers